Non Supply of Food Grains to the Poor in Bijapur District

533. Sri M. M. SAJJAN (Muddebihal)—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that due to non-supply and distribution of adequate quantity of food grains by the Government to the agricultural labourers, workers, poor people and the backward community workers residing in cities of Muddebihal taluk in Bijapur District for the last two months, they are put to hardship for want of sufficient food ;

(*b*) if so; the steps taken by the Government in this behalf ?

Smt. E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies)—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri M. M. SAJJAN.—Whether the Government knows that the foodstuffs supplied to the Bijapur District is too less till to-day and that the poor and vulnerable sections of Bijapur District have been starving for non-supply of proposed aid ?

Smt. E. E. VAZ.—Madam Speaker, in the month of January, 7000 quintals of foodstuffs have been supplied to the District. In the direct supply to the District, it is left to the Deputy Commissioner to distribute and re-distribute to the Taluks. When there was need for more grains we released 9000 quintals for the month of February. I hope the Hon. Members knows it.

Sri M. M. SAJJAN.—Will the Government be pleased atleast to direct the concerned authorities to supply necessary quantities to my Taluka because it is a famine stricken area this time ?

Smt. E. E. VAZ.—If there is any need to Muddebihal, arrangements will certainly be made to sup[illegible]dstuffs.

Lift Irrigation Scheme near Kumsi

542. Sri S. M. SHEERANALY CHANDRASEKHAR (Hosanagar)—

Will the Minister of State for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government has examined the feasibility of taking up L. I. Scheme near Kumsi, Shimoga Taluk from Kumudavathi River ;